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For: Method and Apparatus for Layout)
Synthesis of Regular Structures)
Using Relative Placement)

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In the Office Communication mailed August 18, 2003, the Examiner has stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-27 and 30-36 considered to be drawn to relative placement information, classified in class 716, subclass 10.
 - II. Claims 28-29 considered to be drawn to detailed placement of second design, classified in class 716, subclass 9.

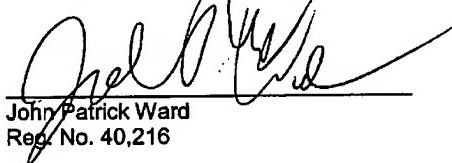
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Respectfully submitted,

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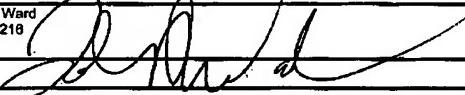
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